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DOWN THE CHIMNEY.

The Visit of an Unwelcome "Santa-Claus."

A Tale of New York in 1890.
(Original.)



ARY, the boys and I will have to go down to the village to-morrow morning with the wood, and I don't suppose we'll be able to get back before Wednesday morning, but I guess you won't be afraid to stay here one night alone, will you?"

John Comstock did not look at his little wife as he spoke, but stood with his back toward her, shaking the snow from his old gray hat and coat, for he well knew the shade of disappointment that was passing over her face.

"Why, no, of course I'm not afraid," was the ready reply. "What should I be afraid of, and up here among the mountains in this honest little place—but it won't seem quite like Christmas eve to-morrow night without you all—and you know it will be the first time we haven't spent it together since we were married," she added, hesitatingly, with a slight tremor in her usually calm voice.

John said nothing, but went to the window and looked out. The storm was beginning to break away. The snow was now falling more gently, and in the East faint luminous streaks of silver gave signs of a perfect moonlight night. He turned with a brighter face, and spoke cheerfully:

"The storm is evidently about over. If no more snow falls the roads will be fair, and if we can get an early start in the morning I think we can manage to get back home before midnight—at least some time before Santa Claus comes down the chimney," he added, merrily—"but see here, little wife, I almost forgot the good news that I have to tell you. Parson Stanley settled that old account with me to-day—paid me every dollar, and interest besides, and here it is. Now go and put it in some safe place, and take good care of it until I come back. Next spring we'll put a face on this old log house, our neighbors won't recognize it. Great guns! I'd like to know where all this cold air comes from!" broke off John, with a sudden change of subject.

"Good evening! good evening!" I thought I'd walk right in without knocking, kind of neighborly, you know," and the somewhat startled pair looked to see their neighbor, Hiram Otwood, standing in the doorway.

"Jimmy! man, you might as well kill a fellow as to scare him to death," good-naturedly exclaimed the honest host, springing up and placing a chair for his guest.

"Do tell me I scared you? I thought I made a great rumpus as I came into the stoop."

"I've been busy talking and didn't hear you. Why, how blue you look! Here, take my chair near the fire, I'm going into the other room for awhile," and the kind-hearted hostess rose as she spoke.

"No, I'm not a bit cold. Just you keep your seat," he feebly remonstrated, dropping into the proffered chair nevertheless without any aid and spreading his rough, cold hands in the very blaze of the cheerful fire. "I tried to get wife to come over with me for a little chat this evening, but she was aggrit—the children to sleep and couldn't leave," and the wretched fellow's teeth fairly chattered as he tried to keep up a show of conversation.

"I'm real glad that you've come over, Hiram, for I want to ask you to keep an eye on my premises while I'm gone down to the village."

"Just so! When be you goin'?" was the quick inquiry.

"To-morrow morning, bright and early," replied the other, "and I can't get back until late to-morrow night."

"Well, I'm goin' down there myself to-morrow noon, but I'll have Hanner look after things."

"Is that so?" inquired the astonished John, for a trip to the distant village was not an every-day event among those simple mountain-dwellers.

"Yes, that's so, but if Mrs. Comstock feels at all scared I'll have Hanner come over and stay all night with her. I saw two or three Injuns a-passin' down the road to-day, and maybe you'd rather not be alone, Mrs. Comstock," he said, addressing her as she now appeared.

"Indeed, I'm not the least bit timid," was the spirited reply. "There's not enough life left in one of those poor creatures to frighten a baby."

"You're right. They wouldn't worry a musketeer. But I must be a goin' now." And rising, the awkward visitor drew an old faded scarf from his pocket and enveloped his head and neck in its folds. "Where be the boys to-night?" he suddenly asked.



"A WOMAN'S FORLORN FIGURE."

"Oh, they've been about an hour. They're going with me in the morning, you know," and poor, tired John tried not to look bored as the fellow still lingered. A few moments later he growled a sort of good-night and took his departure, slamming the door as he went.

"A good and honest a soul as ever lived," said the husband at last, darning to break the silence with a hearty laugh. "You don't suppose he is near enough to hear me, do you? I'm so sorry he's going to be gone to-morrow, for I should feel perfectly easy about you if he were only going to be at home. I'll tell you what I'll do; I'll stop at Mrs. Otwood's in the morning and tell her if any thing happens up here, or if you want her to let me know the dinner-horn and let her know."

"O, pshaw, John! what is going to happen! You go and get your kindlings ready for the morning, and don't let me hear any more of this nonsense," and she kissed the shade of anxiety off his face and went into the little bedroom adjoining.

Long before sunrise the simple household was astir, a hearty breakfast was eaten, and half an hour later a woman's forlorn figure might have been seen standing alone in the road outside the humble dwelling, in a listening attitude, as the occasional sound of beloved voices came back to her on the still wintry air. Not until the last tones had died away did she turn and go into the house. It was not long before the sun rose clear and bright, and soon industrious hands dispelled all lingering sense of loneliness.

The usual household duties over, she proceeded to prepare a pleasant surprise for her dear ones. Ere nightfall, from the rude ceiling overhead depended graceful festoons of evergreen; the silvery frost-work of the windows had a worthy emerald setting, and the spacious fire-place filled with golden light and warmth was surrounded by a rich mass of green; in short, the humble little dwelling had been completely transformed by the magic hands of love, and this same touch had fairly transfigured the face and form of the occupant until she appeared every inch the queen of this fragrant, summer bower.

At last there was nothing more to be done. Each stocking—Willie's, Henry's, yes, John's, and her own as well—all hung around the chimney, which was surely ample enough to admit the burly form of Kris Kringle himself. If he still kept up his old custom. And now it was time to prepare for the night. As she drew the plain white curtains together she found to her surprise that each window was nailed fast, and she knew that this was the work of dear, thoughtful John before he went away. Why had he been so worried about her, she wondered. There was nothing to fear, she tried to reassure herself, as she went to the outside doors and drew the bolts; nevertheless, with candle in hand she searched thoroughly each room, not neglecting to lift the bed-curtains, and in some of the proverbial hiding-places of thieves and villains. Then she put the candle out and crept softly into bed. Many times she had stayed alone thus without a shadow of fear—why should she care now? she asked herself again and again, and trying to believe that she was only nervous from fatigue she at last dropped into a slumber.

How long had she slept! She could not tell, but she had awakened with a start, and was sitting up in bed in a half-conscious state. She could not tell what had roused her, but she thought it must have been the striking of the clock, for it was just telling the hour of twelve with startling distinctness; yet there she sat motionless long after the last stroke had died away in the oppressive stillness. The moonlight was shining through the curtains, casting an uncertain light over each object in the room. It seemed as if some mysterious presence had startled her. She listened with painful interest, her gaze fixed on the window opposite, and as she looked, the dark outline of the casement seemed to move upward. No, it could not be. It must have been caused by the strong wind that was blowing; yet, surely the wind could not move it in that direction.

The thought of the Indians that Hiram had seen that day; she thought of the money concealed under the foot of the bed, and then John's charge to her regarding the danger-signal flashed through her mind. She sprang out of bed in an instant, but the next moment, to her dismay, she remembered that she had neglected to bring the dinner-horn into the house, and that it was then lying in its accustomed place in the woodshed. She would not venture out there for a kingdom. All her courage seemed to leave her. Noisily she went to the window to ascertain to a certainty that it was secure, and as she examined each one in turn, she could distinctly hear footstep on the crackling snow, following her, and trying each window as she approached it. Then the steps seemed to retreat, and a few moments later she heard the door-latch softly lifted, but she knew she had nothing to fear from that direction, and taking advantage of the moment she timidly raised a corner of the curtain and looked out. Her fears were all too plainly verified, for there in the bright moonlight was the unmistakable figure of a great, brawny Indian. She could clearly distinguish his swarthy features, and as his blanket swayed to and fro in the wind she thought she detected a gleaming knife in his belt.

She hastily dropped the curtain and once more listened with breathless anxiety. For a time all was still; then a strange, rustling sound was heard, and the next thing she realized was that a heavy body was creeping along the roof. Great heavens! what was the creature going to do! A noise near the chimney seemed to be her answer. Already he was coming down there, and taking in the situation at a glance, the courage and strength of desperation came to her. To rush into the room, drag out the straw bed and fling it on the dying embers was the work of scarcely an instant. Then involuntarily her eyes followed the upward direction of the blaze. There, through the thick smoke, she could plainly see hanging in the chimney a dark form, which appeared to be struggling, as if trying to extricate itself.

Wild with terror, and guided now only by impulse, she flew out of the house, reached the wood shed, and grasping the horn she blew such loud, frantic notes that they must have been heard for miles in the still, clear air. Then she started to run down the road, but every thing swam before her, her knees sank under her, and the next moment she knew no more.

"Never mind; don't talk just now," John was saying to her when she came to herself. "I'll tell you all about it if you'll promise to lie quite still and not ask any questions. Santa Claus, *alias* the noble red man, couldn't resist the temptation of trying to come down our chimney when every thing was so nicely fixed up for his reception; but he found it a rather tight squeeze and got pretty well smothered by the smoke; but he dropped down at last, and Mrs. Otwood and I reached the house just in time to prevent a thorough roasting. He was very well done on the side, and just ready to turn when we came in. I felt a strong inclination to give him a good basting, but concluded you needed my attention instead. And now the wily savage has been reduced to an only one, and lies wrapped in linen bandages, over at the Otwood's. I begged the poor, heart-broken woman to take him in charge, for he bore such a strong resemblance to Hiram that I thought he might turn out to be a long-lost brother, or something of that kind, you know. By the way, I'm under an impression that as soon as the patient recovers we shall lose our neighbors. Can you guess

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why?" John asked, in the most significant manner. "What! you don't understand yet?" he continued, as a confused, puzzled look was the only answer. "Well, I must drop enigmas, I see, and speak in plain English. Your terrible visitor was none other than Hiram Otwood, himself, disguised as an Indian. You remember how cold and blue he looked last night when he came in so suddenly upon us. He had been listening outside for about twenty minutes. No wonder he sat there all of a shiver! The upshot of the matter is that the villain heard every word of our conversation and came for the money I left with you. There, there! you promised you wouldn't talk any more, and before the little woman could utter a word John had left the room, softly closing the door after him."

John H. Lawrence.

HOLIDAY ITEMS.

THE poor old bachelor passes by the gorgeous stores, nor looks at Christmas gifts which greet the eye. And flatters pocket-books. He does not pause or gaze, because he takes no stock in Santa Claus.

"Does he know anything about music?" "Well, I should rather think he ought to." "How so?" "Well, for one thing, he's the father of twins not more than six months old, and for another, his wife was dead set on having a seal-skin for Christmas, and didn't get it."—Chicago Ledger.

I WOULD be a boy again. Back in the old home, quaint and dear; With Christmas coming, now and then, Say about nineteen times a year. And that I wore brand new and whole. Stockings as long as a telegraph pole.

WIFE—"What shall I give you for Christmas, dear? I want you to tell me frankly, so that I shan't make any mistake. I leave you perfectly free and untrammelled. I won't influence you by suggesting the tiniest thing. What would you say to a dictionary read to you by me?" "I don't want a dictionary read to me by you, dear—give me a rest! But leave out the dictionary part of it."—Tid-Bits.

CHRISTMAS comes But once a year, But when it comes You bet it's here! As if you haven't Got the dust In beautiful plenty! You higher than A flying kite. I'll tell ten cents You'll say I'm right!

"WHAT are you doing, Ethel?" asked the mother of a four-year-old girl who had stuck a pin through a piece of paper and was poking it through the crevices of the register under the parlor mantel-piece. "I'm going to put up the Christmas tree," said the girl, and then she looked at Santa Claus come down the chimney, and she pin and holler, and then she'll wake up and see him," gleefully replied the cute youngster.—N. Y. Journal.

EMPTY is his stocking On this Christmas morn; Happy is the urchin With his blanket horn. Which is why the neighbors Wish the boy would go Where the howling breezes Of old ocean blow. He should take that trumpet (Of all toys the worst), To some desert island, And blow until he burst.

MAUD—"Laura, I am almost distracted trying to think what to give Gus for Christmas. What are you going to give Algy?" Laura—"I haven't made up my mind yet. But I want a new pair of lace curtains for the parlor, and a lambrequin for the library; either of them, I think, would be just lovely." Maud—"So they would. I am going to give Gus a nice cut-glass smelling bottle." Gus—"Hello, Algy! got Laura's Christmas present under your arm there?" Algy—"Yes; I'm going to give her a shaving set." Gus—"Good! That will be a joke. I've got a box of cigars for Maud. But she won't give me any more ties for my Christmas."—Harper's Bazar.

SANTA CLAUS writes to the editor as follows: "I want you to say in your paper that there are a great many poor little children who will not get any Christmas presents this year. My little girl friends and boy friends must share some of their good things with these poor children. If they do I will bring them a great many more presents next Christmas; but if they do not, I will be very apt not to bring them any thing. I love children who are good and kind to the poor. Tell this to all the children, and tell the grown-ups that they should remember the poor people to-day, particularly the poor little girls and boys who have so little cause to love and bless the holy Christmas time."

WHAT WILL PRINTERS DO?

A Type-Setting Machine That Is a Success.

One Man Can Do as Much Work With It as Ten the Old Way.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The first book printed by type set by the new type machine, owned by parties in this city, has just made its appearance in the market. The company was organized a year or more ago, but has been a year getting ready to manufacture the machines in considerable quantities. They had first to make the tools with which to make the machines. Now that this is done they can begin to turn them out by the hundred. One lot of over a hundred machines is now being made. They will cost somewhere from \$300 to \$500 apiece, but will enable one man to do the work of ten in type setting. They work like a type writer, only that they can be worked at a higher rate of speed. The operators on the machines now being used can produce type at the rate of sixty words a minute, and with increased experience they expect to get a considerable higher rate. This means, the friends of the machine say, that from three to six men will be able to set up the type for the ordinary daily paper. The machine casts the type a line at a time, and when the paper is printed the type is melted down and the metal used again the next day. There has been in the past twenty years a wonderful increase in the facilities for producing newspapers with great rapidity in every department except type setting. In this department the old systems have continued to prevail until now, but if this machine does what is claimed for it it will prove a wonderful time saver in this particular and enable the publisher to lay the news smoking hot before his readers within a few minutes after the actual occurrence which it describes.

NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION.

About Thirty People at Kokomo More or Less Burned—How the Insidious Material Caught Fire.

KOKOMO, IND., Dec. 17.—An explosion of natural gas occurred at Well No. 2 of the Kokomo Natural Gas and Oil Company about 3:30 p. m., from which thirty-five men had a narrow escape from death. The well had drilled into the sand last night and shut down. Work commenced this morning to drill deeper, the volume of gas increasing as it went down. It was the warning to keep out of the inclosure which was filled with spectators. The drill had been withdrawn, followed by a terrible gush of gas which ignited, exploding with terrific force, setting fire to the derrick. How any one escaped alive is miraculous. About thirty were more or less burned, the following being the most serious: Adolphus Pickett, Hon. J. N. Loop, in Law-Gren Station, John Daly, M. O. Mandlin, Walter Hockett, Marion Price, Blake Ream, Fred George, Dave Frazee, Josh Brown, Mr. Utter, Mr. Hawkins and Lon Leeds, most of whom are badly burned about the face and hands. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by fire in a forge within the inclosure, which was thought to be out. The machinery and derrick are burning. The gas is now burning from the well with a force to show it to be a great producer.

Twelve Thousand Saleons in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—A statement in the Auditor of State's report gives some interesting figures on the low law tax, the number of saloons a session, etc. The total number of saloons in the State is 11,930; of these 3,941 are assessed \$200 each, and 2,989 are assessed \$100 each. The total amount of the low law tax assessed is \$2,144,120.71. The statement shows Hamilton County to have 2,227 saloons taxed at \$200, and 445 at \$100. Butler County has 168 at \$200, and 53 at \$100. Clermont has 35 at \$200, and 4 at \$100. Warren has 34 at \$200, and 6 at \$100. Montgomery, including city of Dayton, has 337 at \$200, and 141 at \$100. Cuyahoga has 1,397 at \$200, and 390 at \$100. Lucas has 379 at \$200, and 9 at \$100. Franklin has 375 at \$200, and 155 at \$100. Erie has 102 at \$200, and 132 at \$100. Stark has 206 at \$200, and 140 at \$100.

Captured by the German Army.

GALENA, ILL., Dec. 17.—Charles Stubendyk, a German, came to this country a few years ago and settled in Plattsville, Wis., where he embarked in business. He returned to Germany recently to visit relatives, and word has since been received by acquaintances in this city and Plattsville, that Stubendyk's friends abroad, to the effect that he was arrested by German authorities on his arrival in that country and is now being compelled to do service in King William's army.

Engine Falls Over a Cow Into a River.

DENVER, Dec. 17.—As an express train on the Denver and Rio Grande road was rounding a curve on approaching the bridge across the Gunnison river this morning the engine struck a cow lying on the track and derailed, tumbling over and over into the river below. Engineer Welch and Fireman McConnell were instantly killed. The coaches all remained on track. No one else injured.

Woman Convicted of Murder.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The jury in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, who have been on trial at East Cambridge for several days on a charge of having murdered old Mrs. Susanah Prescott at Groton, filed their verdict with the court this morning. Baker is adjudged not guilty, while Mrs. Baker is found guilty of murder in the second degree.

Settled His Son's Debts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—It was made known in Wall street to-day that Simeon Wormser, the banker, had settled all the losses sustained by his son in recent speculations, amounting to between \$200,000 and \$400,000. Young Wormser was a leader in the attempt to buy Reading in the face of the late general fall of stocks.

Hunger Brought Them to Terms.

LANCASTER, PA., Dec. 17.—The tramp prisoners in the Coosa County (Ala.) jail at Gadsden escaped last night by overpowering the jailer. Mrs. Wilson, wife of the jailer, tried to prevent their escape and was shot twice in the arm and leg.

Collapsed on the Gallows.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 17.—Bob Jeter, colored, was hanged at Spartanburg to-day. He broke down completely on the scaffold, and the scene was pitiful.

WITH SWORDS.

Genuine Duel in a Chicago Park—Both the Participants Wounded—Every Thing a Mystery.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—A duel with swords was fought this morning in Humboldt Park. A little before seven o'clock two closed carriages entered the park through the south entrance. Each carriage contained a principal with his second and a surgeon. They were driven to the western end of the park, where they alighted and concealed themselves behind a clump of trees. The arrangement being completed, the principals each drew a shining saber, and the contest began. Soon both were wounded. One received a sword thrust through the breast, and his opponent was cut across the face, and will probably bear the scar for some time. With the drawing of blood the duellists seemed to be satisfied, for they quickly put into their carriages, which were rapidly driven to the nearest drug store. There the wounds were dressed, and the duellists, again in the carriages, were rapidly driven out of sight. Circumstances point to the editor of a pharmacological journal and a young medical student as the principals. It is said the cause of the duel was a dispute as to the hand of a young lady. A policeman was a distant spectator of the fight, but was too dumfounded to attempt an interference. He had just declined absolutely to refer to the subject.

REMARKABLE CASE.

A Young Man Living With a Bullet in His Brain—The Other Man Acquitted.

CARROLLTON, KY., Dec. 16.—Albert Murray, who was shot in the brain by Paschal Baxter at Worthville, this county, November 28, is still alive and doing well. The ball was fired from a .38-caliber pistol. It entered the forehead above and to the right of the eye, and passed straight back—no one knows how far. The wound was probed about four inches. He rests and sleeps well, has a good appetite, is able to dress himself, and is apparently recovering. He has been unconscious, except for a few moments just after he was shot. Baxter, who did the shooting, has just had a preliminary hearing before Justice Asbury Ames and was acquitted on the ground of self-defense. However, he was fined \$30 for carrying a concealed pistol.

A DREAMER'S ADVENTURE.

He Jumps Off a Train and Seizes the Watchers by a Pittsburgh Cordee.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16.—John J. Fox, of St. Paul, Minn., was a passenger on the Chicago limited, due in this city at 4 a. m. Just as the train was passing through Allegheny he imagined some one was attempting to rob him. He jumped off the train, which was going at full speed, and was dragged about fifteen feet in the air. He was covered with blood from cuts on the head, and picking himself up, ran into the residence of James Lockhart, who died at one o'clock this morning, almost instantly after eating. He had just been taken to the Allegheny Hospital, where his injuries were dressed, after which he left for New York.

Four Prisoners Escape.

MUNCIE, IND., Dec. 16.—As the wife of Sheriff Miller was feeding the prisoners in the jail last evening one of them knocked the dishes from her hand, leaped rough the small door and knocked the woman down. Three others followed him, and together they rushed upon the sheriff and beat, pounded and kicked him until he was senseless. Then they fled. One has since been captured, but the others are at large. The sheriff has three ribs broken and is otherwise seriously hurt. There were twelve prisoners in the jail, all of whom were armed with clubs, and it is supposed a general jail delivery was planned.

Family Poisoned With Rat Poison.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—At South Evanston this morning all the members of a family named Yates were poisoned at breakfast. The family consists of the mother, two children and a servant. Each was taken violently ill immediately after eating. To-night the lives of Mrs. Yates and the oldest child, a girl of four years, are despaired of. Oatmeal mush partaken of by the family is found to have been mixed with rat poison. The poisoning is not believed to have been accidental, but no person is definitely suspected.

The Dow Law Constitutional.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 16.—The Supreme Court this morning, all the judges present, rendered a decision declaring the Dow law constitutional. The cases will be reported, but the opinions will not be ready until the court meets in January. The syllabus in the cases will not be ready until the court reconvenes next month. Justices Owen and Follett dissent from the majority of the court. The guessers have been saying that Judge Owen would concur in the decision holding the law constitutional in all its parts.

Row About Prohibition.

CENTRALIA, ILL., Dec. 16.—At Odin a row occurred between saloon-keepers and temperance people. Mayor Forthing struck M. E. Drum, editor of the *Journal* and *Prohibitionist*. Drum used Forthing up badly. The friends of each side gathered, when a pitched fight was narrowly avoided. A warrant will be issued against the Mayor.

Discharged for Being Knights.

CLEARFIELD, PA., Dec. 16.—Forty laborers employed at the large tannery of Fayerweather & Ladow were discharged to-day for joining the Knights of Labor. Several hundred men were employed by the firm, and a large number threaten to quit work if the discharged men are not reinstated.

Russia Rejects Ferdinand.

VIENNA, Dec. 16.—Count Lobanoff, Russian Ambassador here has informed the Bulgarian Deputation that Russia is unable at present to recognize Prince Ferdinand, of Sax-Coburg-Gotha, as a candidate for the Bulgarian throne.

Shot the Jailor's Wife and Escaped.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Dec. 15.—Four prisoners in the Coosa County (Ala.) jail at Gadsden escaped last night by overpowering the jailer. Mrs. Wilson, wife of the jailer, tried to prevent their escape and was shot twice in the arm and leg.

No Liquor To Be Sold Near Fair Grounds.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 16.—The Supreme Court to-day held constitutional the law preventing the sale of intoxicating liquors within two miles of a fair grounds, where an agricultural exhibition is in progress.

POLYGAMY DOOMED.

One Mormon Bishop Deserts Utah With His Legal Wife, Leaving Three Families Behind.

ODGEN, UTAH, Dec. 19.—The Utah problem appears to be slowly approaching a solution, and the indications point toward the gradual collapse of the institution of polygamy. Last spring Lester Herrick, a wealthy bishop in the church, owning a large amount of real estate, and residing in this city, suddenly went West on a trip to the coast. Spring and summer passed, but Bishop Herrick still tarried, and as he had four wives it began to be suspected that, not having "the fear of the Lord" before him, and greatly dreading the U. S. Marshal, he had taken to the "underground." Recently the Bishop returned to Odgen and at once made preparations for the removal of his legal wife and his household goods to California. A very short sojourn in Odgen sufficed to complete his arrangements, and he has now departed for his new home, leaving behind him three separate families, for whom, however, he has liberally provided. Those of the church profess to believe that Herrick will return to his old home when things are more settled, but the facts have become known that he has left his property in the hands of an agent to be disposed of; that a sale of one city lot has recently been effected, and that the gentleman has become the owner of an estate in Southern California. There is no doubt that Bishop Herrick has permanently left Utah and the Church, and that if any deception has been practiced the Church is the subject of it. Bishop Herrick was well liked by his fellow-citizens and possessed their confidence; he is a man of more than average ability, shrewd and honorable in his dealings. It was a daughter of Bishop Herrick whom members of his own church endeavored to compromise with Judge Powers, in order that the judge's character might be blackened; but the plan retracted upon the head of one of their witnesses, who was convicted of perjury and is now serving out a five-years' sentence. The lady has since been happily married to a Gentleman. Another Bishop in Salt Lake City, John Sharp, who is also superintendent of the Utah Central railway, declined about a year ago to "live" his religion, on the occasion of his having to plead in an indictment charging unlawful cohabitation. "Guilty," said Mr. Sharp, "and I promise to obey the law in future and to urge others to do likewise." When the case was suspended, and so was Bishop Sharp from his bishopric in the Mormon Church. A few more such examples as these and the crumbling edifice will totter to its fall. The hiding away of John Taylor to escape trial under indictment, and the bail-jumping of George Q. Cannon, first and second Presidents of the Church, respectively, are causing much intelligent Mormonism.

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A Colored Woman Said to Have Been Born in 1750, Dies in Indian Territory.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—A letter from Saksakawa, Seminole Nation, Indian Territory, gives an account of the death there on the 5th inst. of Mrs. Susanna Warren, perhaps the oldest person in the United States, if not in the world. She was born in the town of St. Augustine, Fla., in 1750, fifteen years before the Americans conceived the idea of national independence. She was born a slave and was the property of Spanish nobles until 1818, when she with other Spanish slaves fled from the town of Pensacola when it was taken by General Jackson. She lived in the Seminole country from then until the second treaty of peace with the Seminoles, when she was regarded as their common property and was removed with them to the Indian Territory.

Heroic Attempt to Rescue.

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—A special to the *Free Press* from Armada says: The fruit evaporator of John H. Stump caught fire soon after midnight last night. Miss Elizabeth Stump, aged twenty-two, a sister of the proprietor, was asleep in the building when the time of the alarm arrived. She was the first to rise and heroically tried to rescue her, but was beaten back by the flames, which burst through the window, throwing him to the ground. He was picked up insensible with a fractured hip and a terrible cut in his head. Notwithstanding the efforts of the workmen the building was completely consumed. This morning the body of Stump was taken from the ruins burned beyond recognition.

Robbed by Masked Men.

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—A special from Champlain says: Late yesterday afternoon, during the absence from home of a minor named Gribbell, three masked men forced an entrance into the house, bound Mrs. Gribbell hand and foot, and made away with \$300. Attempting to call for help Mrs. Gribbell was cut with a knife by one of the men, and her condition is serious.

Faster Mortalbelli's Feet.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Salvatore Mortalbelli, a Maltese, has begun a seventy-two days' fast at Philipville, Algeria. Mortalbelli was formerly in the British Navy, and during his period of service was wrecked on the coast of a desert island, where he remained seventy-two days without tasting food.

Window Glass Advances.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 19.—The card rate on window glass has been advanced 10 per cent. to take effect at once. This is an increase of 30 per cent. over last year's price. The advance is as agreeable to the workmen as it is to the manufacturers, as their wages are on a sliding scale.

Disastrous Collision.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—Two freight trains collided at Woodbury, Ind., on the New Albany and Chicago railroad, demolishing one engine and ten loaded cars. Engineer Daniel Heasley was instantly killed.

Put to Rout by the British.

RANGOON, Dec. 19.—The British troops at Mandalay have captured Bowdway's camp. The fight was a capture of his camp. It was short and bloody. The rebels, after their defeat, returned to the jungle.

Oleomargarine Tax Collections.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The revenue collected by the Government for the first month of the operation of the law taxing oleomargarine was \$400,000.

Paying the Dow Law Tax.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.—Under the Dow liquor law \$38,000 was paid in taxes at the county treasurer's office on Saturday.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER, 23rd, 1886.

The President has appointed ex-Gov. Preston H. Leslie to the Governorship of Montana.

The friends of the late Gen. Hancock have purchased a residence in Washington City for Mrs. Hancock.

The J. M. White, probably the finest steamer that ever plied the Mississippi river, was burned last week. Between forty and sixty lives were lost.

The Capital Printing Company, of Frankfort, has purchased the entire outfit of the late Kentucky Yeoman, and will change the name of their paper to Capital-Yeoman.

The motion made in the House last Saturday to go into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Morrison Tariff Bill, was defeated by a vote of 145 to 149. Six Republicans voted in the affirmative, and twenty-four alleged Democrats in the negative.

The Senate has passed the bill to repeal the tenure-of-office Act, and it is thought there is no doubt but the House will readily agree to it. For the benefit of any one who may not be acquainted with the provisions of this law, we will add that it fixed the term of four years for all President's appointees. This will greatly aid Cleveland in the work of "turning the rascals out."

"Died while reading a newspaper," says a recent paragraph. On investigation it was found he had never paid his subscription. It is a dangerous thing to neglect so important a matter.—Ceredo Advance.

Dr. Freiderich, editor of the Swiss-American Gazette, New York, is much pleased with the condition of the Swiss colonies in Laurel and other counties in Kentucky. He is convinced, after a careful investigation, that the best thing Swiss farmers could do would be to sell their farms in the old country and invest the proceeds in Kentucky land. He will urge his countrymen to emigrate to Kentucky.—Capital.

The Republican party will continue in power in the Ninth District so long as the Mugwumps control the Federal appointments. Col. Baldwin, who did all he could to elect the present Republican Congressman, controls all the appointments in the district. We hope President Cleveland will not be censured for this defeat. The gentlemen who represent this State in Congress and recommend such persons to the President for appointment, are responsible for much of the disaffection in Kentucky. The Republicans and Mugwumps have more influence in some of the districts than Democrats, and for this reason there is no enthusiasm in the party. This is what is called general apathy.—Western Argus.

EDMONDS, BRANCH.

B. F. Currutte, of Wayne Co., W. Va., spent a few days with friends and relatives here last week.

The most important event of the times was the close of G. B. Carter's school at this place on the 18th inst.

The following was the programme which was strictly adhered to:
From 9 to 11:40 o'clock a. m. an old-fashioned spelling match, in which all present took part. Then a candy treat by the teacher, in which all had plenty.

Intermission.
School convened at one o'clock p. m. Singing by the school which was perfectly delightful. The school then produced declamations, dialogues and select readings that were of great interest.
Song by the school.

I may say just here that much credit is due the teacher for the way in which he has labored in the drilling of the children in the exercises.

Then an oration by D. F. Currutte, subject Elocution and its power.

Devotional exercises by Wm. Bently and Landon Carter.

Then the valedictory address by the teacher, which was both sublime and instructive. He spoke first to the patrons, then to the young men of the country, and last to the children who had been his care for five months. His address touched "Physical Education," and then a farewell to all, as he intends starting away to school shortly. We regret very much to lose him from our midst as he is an excellent young man. But may he go and accumulate more of the knowledge which is in store for the human family, and may success ever crown his efforts; for his zealous and energetic manner of teaching the young idea to shoot is worthy of success, anywhere his lot may be cast.
COUNTRY GREENHORN.

Lines on a Moth.

Oh little moth, that fluttered in the light,
On thy outspread wings of palest grey,
So delicate they scarcely can betray
Thy presence to my dull, unaided sight.
How strange, how great, the wondrous mystery,
That safely guides thy wand'ring lonely way;
Not less than that which in the purple night
Lights the white stars along the Milky Way.

For our blind eyes that cannot see by day,
The shining lights of those far distant suns,
Flashing their glittering trail of pale, blue fire
Along the vault of heaven, because that higher
Our own sun's light across our vision runs;
And yet like pearls strung on a golden wire,
I see in those swift wings that never tire,
A purpose strange as process of the suns!

I hold thee, little moth, beneath the fire
Of a white light,—and now my eyes' desire
Is answered, and a sudden, magic change
Flashes in glory on my ravished sight;
A network of fine lace, all sewn with light,
Thy wings' pale grey—and colors soft and strange
Shine on their golden edges, like the bright
Still rays of sunlight through a mist of white.

Farewell, little moth, thy softly range
Of the wide air is free again. The light
Is thine, as mine. Fly on! by that same
Might
Upheld, that guides thy own as lonely way;
The God who made the stars, with equal care
Fashioned thy tiny wings, that seem but grey
To shelter thee. For this all shadows are.
Fly on again, into the golden day!
Louisia, Ky.

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The parent of insomnia or wakefulness is in nine cases out of ten a disordered stomach. Good digestion gives solid sleep, indigestion interferes with it. The brain and stomach sympathize. One of the prominent symptoms of a weak state of the gastric organs is the disturbance of the great nerve center, the brain. Indigestion, the stomach, and the rest of the system, are all affected. The brain, on the contrary, restores activity to the operations of that all-important organ and their beneficent influence is reflected in sound sleep and a tranquil state of the nervous system. A wholesome system is the result of the action of the stomach and bowels by its use.



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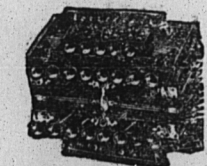
Democracy, as exemplified in the organization which bears the name, may not in all times and in every feature of its operation harmonize with the opinions of the entire body of its followers. There is, however, a beauty and strength of principle at the foundation of the party which enables any defect in the superstructure easy of repair. Faith in the stability of the underlying support enables the party to tolerate criticism, encourage experiment, and regard disappointment with equanimity. A party having for its basis some fanciful idea of political economy, originating in the brains of visionaries and carrying no semblance of practicability as a companion can not, in the very nature of the case, be permanent. All parties based upon a special grievance, real or imaginary, must be ephemeral. When the immediate object of the organization is accomplished or defeated, the party dies. The Democratic party is for all time, for all emergencies, and for all that is wise and good in government. Its faults are errors of judgment and not of constitution. Its vigor and health of principle speedily remedies any derangement of the system. It knows no class, save in recognizing a claim to protection. It spreads its beneficent influence over the entire people. It is beautiful because it is pure in principle, and safe companionship because it is just.—Capital.

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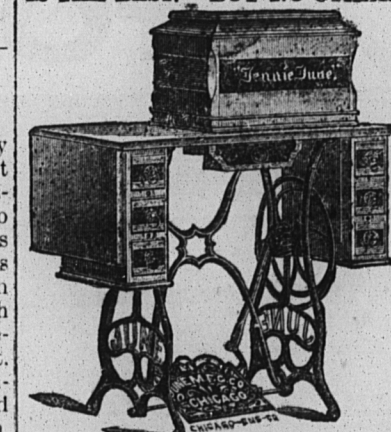
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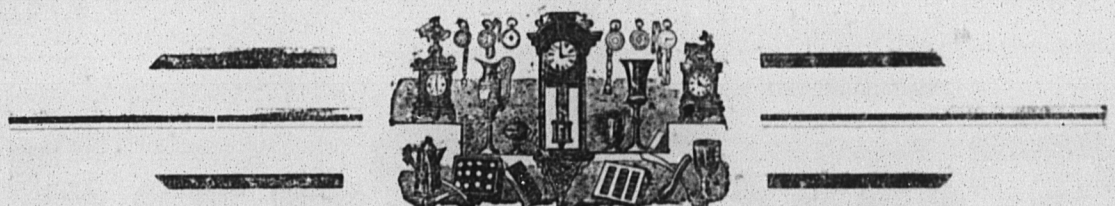
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J. F. Hatten, of Rockville, was here Saturday.

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G. S. Heaton, Cincinnati, Ohio, was here Monday.

Go to J. A. Hughes for your Boots and Shoes.

Geo. Thornberry spent Sunday last in Catlettsburg.

Take a look at Wm. Remele's stock of candies.

Frank Henderson, of Ashland, spent Sunday here.

Go to J. A. Hughes for shawls, hosiery, hoods etc.

Joe Mitchell, of Catlettsburg, was in Louisa, Saturday.

Tuesday last was pay-day at the Peach Orchard mines.

We noticed Capt. T. D. Marcum on our streets Monday.

Col. I. Rigdon passed up on the morning train Tuesday.

Miss Mary Burns is at home spending the holidays.

Go to J. A. Hughes for your Christmas presents.

Mrs. J. M. Lewis, of Huntington, is visiting relatives here.

Dan McKenzie, of Texas, is visiting his mother at this place.

Patterson Steel, of Lexington Ky., was here Saturday last.

John Stone, of Catlettsburg is visiting relations in Cassville.

Geo. J. Walsh, of Cincinnati, was in our city one day last week.

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G. W. Gunnel made a trip to Catlettsburg the first of the week.

M. Stanton, of Portsmouth, was stopping at the Chattaroi this week.

A. T. Robinson, of Ironton, was registered at the Chattaroi Tuesday.

Died, last Sunday evening, a child of Marshal B. F. Martin and wife.

Go to J. A. Hughes and see his line of New Markets, Jerseys, Jackets etc.

Mrs. Annie Schmucker, of Presburg, is visiting at Mr. R. T. Burns'.

Miss Lizzie and Thursa Burns have returned from a visit to Cincinnati.

P. F. Kinsley, of Denver, Col., was registered at the Chattaroi, Saturday last.

Work on the lock and dam has been suspended on account of cold weather.

Go and see J. A. Hughes' Overcoats, Clothing and Gent's Furnishing Goods.

E. C. Johnson, Insurance agent of Lexington, K., was in our city Monday last.

Great reduction in Overcoats, Shawls and all kinds of Underwear at J. A. Hughes'.

All who are indebted to us for subscription will do us a great favor by paying at once.

Go to J. A. Hughes for Silk handkerchiefs, suspenders, hosiery &c. for Christmas presents.

Go to J. A. Hughes and see his line of Flannel shirts with plaid bosom reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.75.

Who will be the first to come in to our sanctum with a full fledged turkey for the editors' Christmas dinner?

Miss Thompson, of St. Alban's W. Va., who has been visiting Miss Willie Lauck, returned to her home Wednesday last.

Dr. F. W. Weis has removed his drug store from the old hotel building into the large brick, two doors below the Post Office.

The young gentlemen of Louisa will give a hop next Tuesday evening. The services of the Ashland string band have been procured.

Remember, that if you come in and give us a dollar for your subscription for 1887 we will present you with a nice book worth 25cts.

"I would no more do without Dr. Sellers' Liver Pills in my house" says a neighbor, "than flour. They always cure headache, constipation, etc."

Four "Socials," two mites, and two festivals were all the "gatherings" we heard of in Louisa last week. We call this tolerably good for a town of 1,000 inhabitants.

"I am confident" said H. R. Wilson, of Gallipolis, O., "that no Vermifuge is equal to that made by Dr. Sellers." All druggists sell it, 25c.

Last Monday was Milt Burns' birthday. We tried to make a list of the presents he received, but it has been so long since we were little girls and kept "play house" that we have forgotten their names.

Fred Frank, a student at the A. & M. College, Lexington, Ky., is home for the holidays. "Frits" is a good looking, gentlemanly little fellow, the envy of the boys in his smart uniform, and the admiration of the ladies.

The M. E. Church South gave a mite at Mr. C. H. Burgess' Tuesday night. The contents of the bottle which has been on exhibition at the Post Office for some time were counted and it was found that Mr. O. D. Garred had guessed the nearest to the number, and was therefore entitled to the quilt.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Warder, of Louisville, the head of the Missionary work as operated by Kentucky Baptists, spent last Saturday and Sunday in Louisa. Dr. Warder preached in the Hall Sunday morning, and by invitation he preached in the South Church in the evening. He had large congregations and made a most favorable impression upon all who heard him.

No ease or comfort can be found by the sufferer with piles until he procures a bottle of Tablets BUCKEY'S Pile Ointment, and receive speedy and permanent relief always afforded by that excellent remedy. In fact there is no other preparation that will effect a lasting cure, and we cordially endorse and recommend it to all sufferers with the Piles.

In the News this week will be found a lengthy communication written by B. S. Pardee to the Manufacturers Record. Mr. Pardee was one of the party of gentlemen who came from Tennessee "breaks" of the Cumberland mountains and down the Big Sandy a few weeks ago. It will doubtless be found of great interest to all our readers.

Grandfathers' clock is an object of reverence among the modern things of beauty and use in every complete home, and a home is scarcely deemed complete without a bottle of Cousin's Honey of Tar, to use when any of the home circle are afflicted with coughs, colds, or diseases of throat and lungs. Its popularity, achieved by merit, increases day by day.

Fashion may change in some things but an old and well tried remedy is grappled with books of steel. Such is White's Cream Vermifuge, which has a larger sale than any so-called remedy, because it never fails to expel worms from a child who is their victim. Therefore do not defer its use, but relieve your child as speedily as possible by a dose of White's Cream Vermifuge.

The three churches of Louisa will have a union Christmas tree or trees in the Court House. Each Sunday School last Sunday appointed a committee on arrangements, and the several committees met at Mr. R. T. Burns' law office Monday morning, where they agreed on arrangements.

LATER.—Since writing the above we have been informed that the use of the Court House would have caused dissatisfaction, and that for that reason it was decided to have a Christmas tree at each of the churches.

FACTS—As a culinary preparation, J. Monroe Taylor's Gold Medal Soda of Saleratus is **UNFALLIBLE**. It has greater advantages over yeast fermentations, and will make twenty-five pounds more Bread or Biscuit from the same barrel of flour, and much better. It retains ALL the glutinous starch and sugar that is in the flour, and from two-and-a-half pounds of flour, will make three-and-a-half pounds of Bread or Biscuit, while the same quantity by yeast fermentation will make only a trifle over three pounds, and require more than twice the quantity of shortening, besides being much more unhealthy. Try it, and be convinced.

At the regular meeting of the Chautauqua Circle of Louisa, held Dec. 17th, 1886, the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we deeply regret the departure of Mrs. and Miss Pierson from Louisa, as in their removal the "White Rose" loses two of its valued members.

That we hope their residence in Washington City is only temporary, and that our Circle will again be favored with the presence of those accomplished and intelligent ladies.

That the Secretary be directed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the Big Sandy News for publication. G. W. WROTON, Pres.

MAGGIE HATCHEE, Sec'y.

The Physicians of this section held a called meeting recently for the purpose of organizing a Medical Association. Dr. Weis was elected Temporary Chairman and appointed committees, as shown below:

I appoint Dr. Nelson Rice, Dr. Banfield and Dr. Bussey to arrange a fee bill regulating the charges of the members of the Chautauqua Medical Association, and desire that they have same ready by next meeting for the approval of the Association. I also appoint Dr. John Gambill, Dr. Wroton and Dr. Yates to frame by-laws, rules and regulations to govern the Association.

Dr. F. W. Weis, Temporary Chairman.

A Great Iron Center.

[Special Correspondence Manufacturers' Record.]

ASHLAND, Ky., December 3, 1886. We have finished our journey across the country from the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad at Johnson City to this iron manufacturing town on the banks of the Ohio River. We have passed through a country whose natural wealth cannot be described in figures, which needs but a railroad and the capital invested. In development that would certainly follow its construction to make this one of the busiest and richest sections in the United States. I dare not give the figures that our experts have made of the value of these resources if developed, for their immensity would lead your readers to think I had been taking lessons from Baron Munchausen. At present all this vast wealth is as useless to the world as gold would be to a starving eastward on a barren uninhabited island. It is where it was put by nature in that upheaved period of the world's history when great coal measures were lifted from unknown depths and held rock bound until needed for human use. More than half the surface of Scott county and all of Wise and Dickenson counties, Virginia, cover coal seams. It is the same with Pike county, Kentucky, and for 40 miles down the Big Sandy river. Splitting coaling and cannel coals in veins varying from 2 to 11 feet in thickness crop out at such an elevation above that river and other watercourses as to reduce the cost of mining to a minimum, while their qualities have been proven, both by chemical analysis and by practical tests on a large scale, to be the equal of any found elsewhere.

At present this vast region is undeveloped between Pikeville and the Tennessee line. The marbles found at Russellville in inexhaustible quantities, the hardwood and poplar forests of all that region, and the fossiliferous red hematite ores of Scott county, are without value because they cannot be used. The steamers on the Big Sandy buy coal as they need it from the mines on the banks, taking it from barges moored below the mouth of the mines. All the work done in these from Pikeville to the Chattaroi railroad at Richardson has been superficial. No long entries have been made, for the farmers on whose lands these veins are have few customers other than the boats that ply up and down when the water is deep enough. From Richardson freight trains run to Ashland daily, carrying about 300 tons of coal daily for steam and domestic use, and some little cannel for local and Cincinnati customers, but as Richardson is 10 miles from the workable seams of cannel, the traffic at present is light.

The Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago Co. has purchased the Chattaroi railway and has a force of men employed on this 20-mile extension. As soon as 10 miles of this is completed an immense traffic will begin. This 20-mile extension will pass by beds of rich hematite ores and through the nearest of the cannel coal fields. The steel rails to be laid are of the same weight (60 lbs. pounds) as those now in use, but the construction to be done to complete the

rest of the line through to Charleston. Ten miles from Richardson are found the first extensive seams of cannel.

Of the region containing this deposit and those further on, Prof. N. S. Shuler, of Harvard College, and once in charge of the geological survey of Kentucky, reports: "Its future lies in the fact that it is the richest field of mineral wealth known in any country." Of the iron ores he says: "I believe it will be found that no ores of like richness will be found so convenient to pure cheap coals."

I have already said that the completion of 10 miles of this extension would open up a big traffic for the railroad. I know of one contract that has been made, to go into effect as soon as these 10 miles are completed, by which a syndicate that is preparing to mine the cannel coal has agreed to ship 1,000,000 tons to its customers the first year. The freight earnings of the road from this contract will pay the interest on the bonds of the road from Ashland to that point, and this will be but a small item compared to what the business will eventually be when the road is completed to Johnson City. Some idea of what that will aggregate may be gathered from what follows.

Ashland is the center of the famous Hanging Rock district. It lies on the Ohio five miles below the mouth of the Big Sandy river. Around it within a radius of five miles, is a population of 22,000 people, all of whom more or less derive their support from the iron industry. Opposite this place is Ironton, and near by on either side of the broad river are other blast furnaces. Within the radius named are nine coke furnaces with a daily product of 700 tons of pig iron. Estimating the running time for all at 300 days which leaves 65 days for shut-downs for repairs and other purposes, the output of these furnaces is 228,000 tons of pig, which, using 50 per cent. ore, would require an annual supply of 456,000 tons of ore and 600,000 tons of coke. Adding the two we find that the total of ore and fuel required for these furnaces per year is 1,056,000 tons. The coal mines all along the route from Richardson, Ky., to Hunters Valley, in Scott county, Virginia, will supply the fuel and the hematite and specular ores needed, but the greater bulk and weight itself will be carried from the Bessemer ore mines of Cranberry, but 250 miles away. This enormous tonnage will require 8-10 trains of 20 cars each for 300 days, or for the whole period 2,400 trains of 52,800 cars.

The Ashland furnaces now in blast are running on a low grade ore, from which they make a soft pig iron that is put to the same use as the Scotch pig. A singular proof of the great need they have of the Cranberry ores is furnished by the Norton Iron Works, of Ashland: This company has a paid up capital of \$703,500. It operates a blast furnace, rolling mill, nail mill, keg factory and coal mines, employing about 700 men. It has a furnace 69x18 feet, and four Whitehall hot blast stoves each 50x16 feet. It makes 15,000 tons of iron annually, consuming 30,000 tons of ore and 50,000 tons of coal. All the while it buys Iron Mountain pig from Missouri or its native mill, and sells its own pig to manufacturers elsewhere. Mr. John Russell, president, and Mr. D. B. Meacham, Secretary of this company, both told your correspondent that as soon as there was a certainty of getting the Cranberry ores they would erect a Bessemer steel plant and would double their present capacity. Mr. John Means, president of the Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Company, made a similar statement. His company has a paid up capital of \$1,491,500. It operates a railroad, a blast furnace and a coal mine. It has one furnace 62x16 feet, and is erecting another of the same dimensions. It has four Whitehall hot blast stoves, each 52x16 feet, and is building three more. "Give this district Cranberry ore and coke as soon as you can," said Mr. D. Putnam, Jr., superintendent of this company, "and you will have to make a double track at once to keep pace with the increase of the Hanging Rock demands."

The figures given in the foregoing are but a fraction of what this section would consume if it could get the iron and coke. When iron commanded high prices the blast furnaces drew their supply from Marietta, Lake Superior, 350 miles away. Since cheap production, caused by the establishment of furnaces in Tennessee and Alabama and the use of natural gas elsewhere, the majority have been compelled to suspend operations, and their plants, costing millions of dollars, have been idle. These furnaces, numbering 37 stacks, when running to their full capacity, produce 2,335 tons of pig daily, which, added to Ashland and Ironton output, made a total of 2,995 tons of pig, or for 300 days the enormous production of 898,500 tons. The ore supply for these 46 stacks for a year, would be 1,797,000 tons, and the coke 1,233,000 tons, the whole requiring 24 1/2 trains of twenty cars daily for three hundred days. Besides the above are a large number of charcoal furnaces, for which we could get no estimate. These are not mythical or guess figures; they represent the actual condition and needs of the furnaces in the Hanging Rock district. The plants are here with enough money behind them to put all into full blast as soon as fuel and ore are obtainable at prices they can afford to pay. As the Chattaroi railroad has been built southward 50 miles, and the narrow gauge is running northward to Johnson City, there are but 60 miles

connection between the mines and the furnaces, and to bring to these furnaces whatever fuel and ore they may need. No railroad accountant is needed to prove that the earnings of the road which has this traffic will be enormous, and that too, without estimating receipts from any other business than that furnished by the blast furnaces. That there will be more is easy to see. Cannel and splint coals, marble, lumber and farm products will help to swell the volume of freights.

Sparsely settled as is the back country now, its exports reach a considerable figure. A statement recently prepared for the National Bureau of Statistics gives in detail the value of all merchandise carried from this country by boats on the Big Sandy from July 1st, 1885, to July 1st, 1886, the total being \$2,686,000, and this does not include what passed out by railroad. From this should be deducted the fares paid by steamboat passengers, \$33,527.50—leaving the total exports at \$2,881,402.50. The weight of the miscellaneous freight was 2,060 tons—logs, lumber, coal and live stock not being included. Among the most valuable of the foregoing were feathers, worth \$49,934; ginseng, \$93,534; 5,163 barrels of sorghum syrup, worth \$41,344; wool (\$50,440 pounds) worth \$176,582; and 4,091 cases of eggs, worth \$18,500. Timber and lumber are rafted down stream. Among the logs were 170,000 poplars, valued at \$774,403, and 15,532 black walnut, worth 273,378 dollars. Of lumber there were 1,487,500 feet of poplar and 6,940,000 oak staves. The live stock included 4,284 head of cattle, 5,100 chickens, 3,927 hogs, 1,768 sheep, besides horses, mules, turkeys, ducks and geese. These exports, taken from a list of nearly three-score articles, show very fairly what the agriculture and industries of that section are, and also what they may be when the country is opened up to settlement and its various resources are developed.

There is no possibility of more than one road ever being constructed if through this section on the line from Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago Railroad will follow, for the week of the Cumberland Mountains and the information of the country on both sides of them will make it impossible to build a parallel. Neither will this road be compelled to haul long trains of empty cars from Ashland back to Cranberry, for the same that carry ore and coke down to Ashland will be filled with fuel for the blast furnaces at the Bessemer ore beds and the hematite mines of Burke county, N. C., or for the consumers all along the line between the Tennessee border and Charleston. Looking at the future business of this road from whatever standpoint I can see nothing to prevent it from becoming the great freight carrier of the whole Southern country.

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Forty-Ninth Congress.

Second Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—SENATE.—The credentials were presented of Senator Edmunds for the full term commencing March 4, 1887. Among numerous bills introduced were the following: To amend the Revised Statutes in relation to the immediate transportation of bonded goods; providing a new basis for the circulation of national bank notes; to authorize the reduction of U. S. bonds and circulation of national bank notes. The electoral count bill was reported from the House and laid on the table. The Morrill tariff resolution was discussed by Messrs. Daves and McPherson. Mr. Morrill moved to refer his resolution on the Finance Committee, but withdrew his motion and the resolution went over. Notice of the death of Mr. Dowdley being received, a committee was appointed to attend the funeral, and as a mark of respect the Senate adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

HOUSE.—Bills introduced: To prohibit the appointment of Congressional committees to attend funerals; and to prohibit the draping of public buildings in mourning, except by order of the President; granting pensions to postal railway clerks who have become aged or disabled in the service; granting the franking privilege to inmates of soldiers' homes; authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to anticipate the payment of interest on the bonded debt of the United States, and to provide for special deposits of the public money; for the free coinage of silver; to enable the people to name their own postmasters; fixing the salary of Civil Service Commissioners at \$5,000; for the admission into the Union of Dakota, Montana, Washington and New Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—SENATE.—Memorials were presented and bills introduced and referred. Bills for the retirement and recoinage of the trade dollar and to prevent frauds on American manufacturers were reported from the Committee on Finance. The amendments to the electoral count bill were non-concurred in, and a conference committee appointed. The bill to repeal the tenure of office law was taken up, and discussed by Messrs. Edmunds, Hoar and George. At 4 p. m. the Senate went into executive session, and shortly after adjourned.

HOUSE.—The estimate was referred to the Committee on Rules to report a resolution for the distribution among the committees of the bill passed appropriating \$10,000 for grading and paving the approaches to the National Cemetery at Danville, Va. A resolution reported back calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for the interpretation of the department as to the duty on fresh fish. The bill granting right of way through the Yellow Stone Park to the Cinnabar and Clark's Fork Railroad Company was taken in committee of the whole, but before the report could be made by the House the morning hour expired. Mr. Morrison gave notice he would call up his revenue bill on Monday next. A bill for the appropriation of \$100,000 for the purchase of public buildings was increased before adjournment at 5 p. m.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—SENATE.—Memorials were presented and bills introduced. Bills were reported to amend the postal money order system and to extend the free delivery system. A resolution calling upon the Secretary of War for information in regard to expenditures for the Missouri river was discussed. Pending action the conference report on the Interstate Commerce bill was presented, and notice given by Mr. Culm that he would call it up for consideration on Tuesday next. The bill repealing the tenure of office act came up, but was allowed to stand over until tomorrow. Platt's resolution for open executive sessions was laid on the table by a vote of 33 to 21. Beck's bill, prohibiting Congressmen from acting as attorneys for railroads, was called up. Pending action the Senate at 4 p. m. went into executive session and adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

HOUSE.—Conferees were appointed on the electoral count bill. The bill for allotment of land in severalty to the Indian was taken up, but went over with the morning hour. A bill was passed relating to national banks in certain cities to keep on hand a sum equal to twenty-five per cent. of their circulation and deposits. The sundry civil bill was then taken up and discussed until 4:15 p. m., when the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—SENATE.—A bill was introduced to increase the salaries of the Commissioners of Education and Labor to \$3,000. Mr. Van Wyck introduced a resolution to amend the constitution so as to require the election of U. S. Senators by the people of the States, instead of by the Legislatures. Petitions of tobacco manufacturers were presented protesting against the passage of the House bill in reference to packing out tobacco. A resolution was introduced structing the Finance Committee to inquire into the propriety of reporting a bill providing a rebate on imported materials and exported vessels and their cargoes to the Government for losses caused by collision with U. S. vessels. Mr. Hodgeberger's own resolution went over on objection. The bill to repeal the tenure of office act was taken up and discussed without action until 4 p. m., when, after a brief executive session, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—A bill was passed making Hartford, Ct. a port of entry; also a bill to pension persons who served in the navy as yeomen engineers, apothecaries and masters-at-arms. Remonstrances were presented against the Dunn free ship bill; the Senate bill for the allotment of lands in severalty to the Indians. The urgency deficiency bill for public printing was passed. The sundry civil bill was discussed and passed in committee of the whole and reported to the House, which then adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Petitions were presented for a reduction in the tax on dynamite. Several bills were introduced. A resolution for a committee to visit Mexico and inquire into our relations with Mexico was offered by Mr. Butler (S. C.), and ordered printed. The bill for the retirement and recoinage of the trade dollar was passed; also, the House bill to extend the free delivery system; also, the bill authorizing the issue of money orders at a fee of three cents; also, the House bill authorizing the employment of mail messengers. A bill to fund the four and four-and-a-half per cent. bonds at 75 per cent. was introduced by Mr. Aldrich and referred. The bill to repeal the tenure-of-office act was passed—30 to 22. At 2:40 p. m. the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—Resolutions were introduced and referred. A bill was passed indemnifying the Postmaster at Bounton, N. J., for money stolen in 1885. The sundry civil bill was passed and the private calendar taken up. The bill for the adjustment of the McMillanville and Manchester railroad accounts was passed. A bill for the adjustment of a claim of \$100,000 was passed. A Senate bill was passed increasing the pension of General Bend F. Kelly, of West Virginia, to \$10,000 a month. At 4:15 p. m. the House took a recess until 7:30, the evening session being for the consideration of pension bills.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—SENATE.—Not in session. HOUSE.—The House ordered a conference on the bill authorizing the employment of mail messengers. The bill was passed providing an additional Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico. Mr. Morrill moved to go into committee of the whole to take up his tariff bill. Lost—149 to 154. Speaker Carlisle voting in the affirmative.

THE city council of Vincennes, Ind., is in a dilemma. The city treasurer is charged with being a defaulter to the amount of \$10,000 and refuses to resign, and council is powerless to remove him. His bondsmen have been released from liability by the Circuit Court Judge.

CHAS. MASON was stabbed by Warren Townsend, a twelve-year-old playmate, at Evansville, Ind.

PAUL GROTTKAR, recently tried for inciting the Milwaukee Garden riots, addressed 15,000 people in Milwaukee on the 12th, bitterly attacking the authorities and press.

BURROWS effected an entrance into the Boston One Price Clothing-house, at Fenway, burst open the safe, and secured \$8,500 in cash, and took a large quantity of fine fur goods.

CITIZENS of Washington have subscribed a fund of \$50,000 to insure payment of prizes and expenditures for the National Drill and Encampment. The drill will be held the last week in May, 1887.

The price of gas at F. and J. has been reduced to twenty-five cents per month per stove, and churches free.

—According to recent English experiments it is found that a growth of ivy over a house renders the interior entirely free from moisture.

—The National Women's Christian Temperance Union has planted an oak tree over the grave of Dr. Benjamin Rush at Philadelphia and erected there a memorial tablet.

—Traveling managers find they need actors more than they need lithographs. Starting out with several reams of picture paper in one hand and a bundle of sticks in the other is not a good scheme.—N. O. Picayune.

—An Indian doctor in San Francisco rejoices in the name of Chervitzmilzintarbocker Finte Meerkhun, and a police justice almost dislocated his jaw in attempting to pronounce sentence upon him for practicing without a license.

—At a Nebraska wedding the groom was delayed and his "double" and who looked precisely like him, slipped in and was married in his place without the fraud being perceived, a remarkable instance of a double wedding.—Texas Siftings.

—How many big, strong, active men in this big State of ours are striving to get a living without work? I mean real, sure-enough legitimate work. This is one of the questions the census taker does not put to the free American citizen.—Galveston (Tex.) News.

—It has been ascertained that there are several spots in the Atlantic Ocean which are over four miles in depth. They are nice, quiet spots to which an old whale can retire to smoke his pipe and wonder over the general wickedness of mankind.—Detroit Free Press.

—In Greensborough, Ala., has been organized a society of seventeen young and pretty ladies, the principal feature being to do away with the odious habit of speaking ill of any one. Meetings are held every week and each member who has been guilty of violating the society's laws is fined one cent.

—George Westinghouse, Jr., the inventor of the Westinghouse brake, has secured a patent for a new system of distributing electricity for lighting and other purposes, which it is said, will effect a saving of ninety-five per cent. in the distributing main wires and greatly cheapen the electric light.

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Crossed many times, but leaves no mark.—Old ocean.—St. Louis Chronicle.

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